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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON MINISTER PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO JAMAICA

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1. SPEAKING OVER STVS TELEVISION ON JULY 25, MINISTER-PRESIDENT ARRON REITERATED GOS POLICY OF "PUTTING THE COUNTRY'S NATURAL RESOURCES FULLY AT THE SERVICE OF THE SURINAMESE PEOPLE." HE SAID GOS REVENUE FROM BAUXITE INDUSTRY MUST BE INCREASED, ADDING THAT PRESENT LEVEL OF REVENUE WAS ENTIRELY OUT OF PROPORTION TO CORPORATE PROFITS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTER-PRESIDENT SAID GOJ HAD LET HIM HAVE DATA ON THE INDUSTRY WHICH HE PLANNED TO USE IN FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH PRODUCING COMPANIES IN SURINAM, THE ALCOA-SUBSIDIARY, SURALCO, AND BILLITON.

2. ARRON TOLD TELEVISION AUDIENCE THAT SURALCO WAS READY TO WORK WITH GOS ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF BAUXITE "PRICES" AND THAT HE EXPECTED AN AGREEMENT WITH COMPANY THIS YEAR. HE
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ALSO SAID THAT GOS IS INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH JAMAICA

IN OTHER AREAS THAN BAUXITE, INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, AND THAT SURINAM WILL SEEK TO JOIN CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET ONCE INDEPENDENCE IS ACHIEVED (BY END 1975).

3. MEANWHILE, RECENT THREE-DAY VISIT OF ARRON AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTER MICHEL CAMBRIDGE TO KINGSTON TO DISCUSS GOJ'S EIGHT-FOLD INCREASE IN BAUXITE COMPANY LEVIES HAS EXCITED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL MEDIA INTEREST. JULY 20 DE WEST, AN INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE DAILY, WONDERED EDITORIALY WHETHER SURINAM MIGHT NOT BE FALLING UNDER JAMAICAN TUTELAGE. JULY 22 DE VRIJE STEM, A SENSATION-SEEKING DAILY, TOOK ISSUE WITH DE WEST AND WELCOMED THE JAMAICAN LEAD. SINCE THEN, DE VRIJE STEM HAS MAINTAINED STEADY DRUMFIRE OF EDITORIAL SUPPORT FOR AN EIGHT-FOLD INCREASE IN GOS' REVENUE FROM BAUXITE INDUSTRY.

4. JULY 25 DE VRIJE STEM REPORTED THAT TWO GOS OFFICIALS WILL VISIT JAMAICA AT UNSPECIFIED DATE FOR FURTHER STUDY OF GOJ HANDLING OF BAUXITE COMPANIES AND THAT A GOJ OFFICIAL WILL COME TO PARAMARIBO TO ADVISE GOS.

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